

IPA reports solid operating results

Plans are underway to expand the generating capacity of the Intermountain Power Project and the possibility of a third unit still exists, according to a Intermountain Power Agency news release.

A new high pressure turbine was installed on Unit 2 during spring 2002. The same upgrade on Unit 1 is planned for spring 2003. Construction of an additional cooling tower started shortly after the close of the fiscal year, and certain boiler modifications are planned. By spring 2004, both units will be upgraded to a gross capacity rating of 950-megawatts.

A task force consisting of Intermountain Power Project participants and purchasers has been laying out plans that could lead to construction of a third 950-megawatt unit at the IPP site. If development of a third unit proceeds, it would be conducted by a new entity separate from Intermountain

Power Agency. Agreements would be established between IPA and the new entity to ensure that joint operations are conducted efficiently, but without cross-subsidization. If constructed, the third unit will be a replica of Units 1 and 2, but would take advantage of technical improvements that have occurred in the last 20 years.

Despite the turbulent environment that surrounds electric utilities, IPA's financial course remains steady, and IPP is benefitting wide areas of the west, said Ray Farrell, IPA Board Chairman.

The project, or IPP, consists of a 1,680-megawatt coal-fired generating station north of Delta. It also consists of a 500-kilovolt direct current transmission line extending 490 miles to California, other transmission lines within the state, a railcar service center, and investments in coal mining properties in Utah. The project became

operational in 1987, providing electricity to 36 participant utilities in Utah and California - all but one of which are consumer owned.

IPP generated a gross of 13,995 gigawatt-hours last year, using 5,340,000 tons of coal. Their record is noticed across the nation for efficiency of operations and environmental responsibility, said Reed Searle, IPA General Manager.

The plant was named to the Honor Roll Class of 2002 by *Power Magazine* for posting the third-lowest sulfur dioxide emissions rate for all coal-fired power plants in the nation. In the same magazine survey, IPP ranked as the 23rd most efficient coal-fired power plants.

Millard County municipalities in the Intermountain Power Agency are Fillmore, Holden, Meadow, Kanosh, and Oak City.